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Thank you for supporting the Playing Field by buying your Christmas tree in Hoxne.

Once again the Sale of Trees was very successful, producing a profit of £1,300.00 for Playing Field funds. We hope to see you all again next Christmas.

Thanks again for your support.

Hoxne Playing Field Management Committee

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

Government website:

<https://donation.dec.org.uk/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>

If you could share your home:

<https://www.gov.uk/register-interest-homes-ukraine>

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Help Pete raise £3,000 to put a defibrillator in the Hoxne playing field pavilion

Peter Cooper is running the Marathon de Sables in Morocco to raise money for a defibrillator, to be installed on the outside of the pavilion. It will be accessible to the whole community 24/7 and available for people using the playing field and pavilion during organised sports events.

“I have always loved participating in challenges and raising money for worthy causes. Community based defibrillators save many lives, giving people the access they need to life-saving equipment. We need one in our Hoxne village so I am raising money to purchase one and put it in our community centre!”



The target is £3000. Money raised will be used to purchase and install the defibrillator, provide training courses to the community and a fund for maintenance.

If you could help with a contribution:

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/peter-cooper

Founded in 1974, Conductor: Fagitt Oake

Sprigs of Thyme

A Concert of English Songs with Afternoon Tea

Eye Town Hall, Suffolk

4pm Sunday 21st May

Tickets £12 including afternoon tea
wegottickets.com/eyebachchoir
Handyman store, Eye
Enquiries: tickets@eyebachchoir.co.uk

www.eyebachchoir.co.uk

Eye Bach Choir is a Registered Charity No: 1114948



Eye Bach Choir is inviting you to come and listen to an afternoon of English songs while enjoying an afternoon tea in Eye Town Hall, 4pm on Sunday 21st May.

The choir will be singing well-known folk songs arranged by John Rutter in his suite ‘A Sprig of Thyme’, including *The Bold Grenadier* and *The Keel Row*. In addition, songs by other notable English composers, such as Ralph Vaughan Williams, Edward Elgar, Arthur Sullivan and Alexander L’Estrange, will evoke a sunny, tranquil, afternoon in May.

Tickets are £12 and include afternoon tea, available from The Handyman in Eye, wegottickets.com and via our website:

www.eyebachchoir.co.uk

Wingfield Barns

Spring Yoga Retreat

Saturday 1st April, 10am-4pm

A day to move, rest and restore mind and body. Restorative and Nidra yoga and sound bath, with refreshments & lunch included.

Mark Harrison Band

Saturday 15th April, 7.30pm

Acclaimed national touring artist Mark Harrison brings his unique music and band to Wingfield Barns. With his unique and acclaimed rhythm section, Mark is widely considered one of the most original and interesting artists around.

Chanter's Jigge - One For The Road

Friday 21st April, 7.30pm

Chanter's Jigge bring to life music heard in the streets of the towns and villages of England over 600 years.

East Anglian Federation of Photographic Societies

Starting Saturday 29th April - 11th May
Prints and projected images exhibition.

The Shackleton Trio

Friday 5th May, 7.30pm

Captivating song-writing and fiery tunes that combine mandolin, fiddle, guitar and banjo with powerful three-part harmonies. The unmistakable sound of The Shackleton Trio brings to life the stories of their native East Anglia and beyond.



Dan Whitehouse

with special guest, Eliza Marshall

Thursday 18th May, 7.30pm

Dan and Eliza will join musical forces for part of the evening's magic.

Jim Causley

Wednesday 24th May, 7.30pm

Multi award winning singer-songwriter, musician and proud Devonian Jim Causley is an all-round entertainer. Last year he was nominated "Singer of the Year" at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards.



The Suffolk Miracle

Open Space Theatre Co. Thursday 25th May, 7.30pm

A squire's daughter is sent away by her father after she falls for a lowly horseman. But can love find a way to reunite the couple? This musical drama of forbidden love, presented as a collaboration with Syzewell Gap folk band.



For tickets and information:
www.wingfieldbarns.com
Tel: 01379 384505
office.manager@wingfieldbarns.co.uk

Wingfield Open Gardens



3rd & 4th June 11am - 4pm

**Approximately 15 Gardens
plant stall, refreshments, cakes, light lunches**

**Advance Tickets from www.wingfieldbarns.com
at £4.00 per person
or
£5.00 per person on the day from Wingfield Barns IP21 5RA**

**Tickets/Guides cover both days
Under 16s free if accompanied by an adult
Free car park and toilets, (including disabled)
at Wingfield Barns**

Proceeds in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice (Registered Charity 289154)

&

St Andrew's Church, Wingfield

Come and enjoy our village gardens and more!!

Harleston Players present Agatha Christie's
Witness for the Prosecution

Leonard Vole stands accused of murdering a rich widow. The stakes are high, with shocking witness testimony, impassioned outbursts from the dock and a young man's fight to escape the hangman's noose.

Regarded as one of Agatha Christie's most accomplished plays, this suspenseful thriller keeps audiences guessing until the very end.

Performances all start at 7.30pm:

The Cut, Halesworth
Thursday 20 April

Harleston Sancroft Academy
Friday 21, Saturday 22, Thursday 27,
Friday 28, Saturday 29 April

The Fisher Theatre, Bungay
Wednesday 26 April

Tickets for the Harleston performances, priced £12, available from 11 March in person at Robinson's Traditional Stationers Harleston, or online from www.harlestonplayers.co.uk



**AN EVENING WITH
ADE SELLARS**

As seen on QVC, speaker at Gardeners World Live, RHS and County Shows
In aid of Denham Churrch.

Living "The Good Life" - Is it as good as it's cracked up to be?
Ade's journey from the City to professional gardener, followed by Q and A

Saturday 15th April at 7:30pm
Hoxne Village Hall
Tickets £6 to include nibbles
Refreshments on-sale in the interval
- Bar will be open.
Contact Barbara Irwin
01379 669077

St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne
Film Night



West End 1950s London. Plans for a movie of a hit play come to an abrupt halt after a pivotal member of the crew is murdered. Weary Inspector Stoppard (Sam Rockwell) and eager rookie Constable Stalker (Saoirse Ronan) take on the case, finding themselves thrown into a puzzling whodunit. Cert 13PG.

St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne - Film Nights

See How They
Run

Friday 14 April

7:30pm £4.00 a ticket

Advance Bookings 01379 668060

Tickets on the door subject to availability

Bar open from 7pm and during interval

EAST ANGLIAN TRADITIONAL MUSIC & DANCING

Sunday 2nd of April, 2—4 pm

Yaxley Village Hall
Old Ipswich Road, Yaxley IP23 8BX

FREE ENTRY!

Have you ever wondered about what went on in East Anglia before the delights of the screen captured us? East Anglian Traditional Music Trust (a charity) hold some keys to the past in our area. We would like to invite you to join us for two hours of free entertainment!



East Anglian step dancing Photos: EATMT



Jig doll

We will show you how to work jig dolls, you can watch Suffolk/Norfolk step dancers, and an energetic broom dance, hear tales told in dialect, listen to or join in with our talented musicians and singers.

We look forward to seeing you at our event and hope that it whets your appetite to learn more about East Anglian traditions and music.

Registered Charity 1082774
Red Gables, Ipswich Road,
Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 1BE

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we will be happy to show you around

OPENING TIMES
Monday - Saturday 8.00am - 12 noon
and 3.00pm - 6.00pm
Sunday and Bank Holidays
9.00am - 12 noon

Why not make this the year you
GIVE BOWLS A TRY !
OPEN WEEKEND COMING UP SOON -

Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st May
2-5pm both days

Hoxne Bowls Club is opening its green again in April and there will be a trial weekend for visitors in May—so please come and see whether the wonderful game of bowls is for you.

Members will be on hand to welcome, instruct and explain the intricacies and lighter side of the sport. It can be both social and competitive, as well as fun. Everyone is welcome - whichever village you live in, whatever your age or gender. No special clothing or equipment is necessary, we just ask you to wear flat-soled shoes. We will have a variety of bowls sizes for you to try. Just turn up on the day. The green is situated behind the pavilion on the playing field.

Can't make those days? We have club nights on Wednesday evenings, or are happy to arrange a day-time session.

We play in two leagues, have internal competitions and informal 'roll-ups'. We have great barbeques and a well-stocked, reasonably-priced bar.

Visit our website at: hoxnebowls.weebly.com

or phone 01379 668403 or 01379 669221 for more details.

Hoxne Bowls Club is run in conjunction with the Suffolk Bowls Federation.



Church News

Blossoming out

Whether or not we like the weather, the natural world is bursting into new life at this time of year. The Church reflects that natural renewal as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ at Easter. We have a full programme of services as we prepare for Holy Week, which begins with Palm Sunday on 2nd April, and for Easter itself on Sunday 9th April, including a children's Easter Egg hunt again this year.



For the Easter holidays our Club Create for kids aged 7-12 will be entering into the spirit of renewal with a Nature Walk from 2.00 to 4.00 pm on Tuesday 4th April. There'll be things to find and make and do as well as enjoying being outside. For more information and to book, contact me.

As churches we will be aiming for renewal through our Annual Meetings which take place in April:

Denham at 12 noon on Sun 16th April;
Wingfield at 2.00 pm on Sat 22nd April;
Hoxne at 6.00 pm on Sat 22nd April;
Syleham at 10.30 am on Sun 23rd April.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Annual Meetings to hear about what we have been doing, the opportunities we see and the challenges we face. And everyone who lives in our villages can vote for Churchwardens for the coming year. We will be aiming to identify our priorities for the future and hope you will contribute your ideas on what you see as important. Some examples are:

- * we want to expand our work with children and young people with the help of a part-time Children's and Youth Worker (if there is anyone out there who has appropriate experience and would like to help with this, please get in touch).
- * we also continue to develop plans for the bells and tower at Hoxne church, including creating a space at the base of the tower which the whole community can use and enjoy.

Let us know your thoughts, what's on your mind and where we should focus to serve you best.

And finally, don't miss our Pentecost barbecue in the garden of the Swan Inn, Hoxne at 3.00 pm on Sunday 28th May!

I wish you a very blessed and joyful Easter when it comes.

Revd Canon Eleanor Goodison
07876 143579
eleanor.goodison@gmail.com

Church Services

Denham, Hoxne, Syleham & Wingfield

Planned church services in April/May

(Note Hoxne's service on the fourth Sunday of the month has changed to 11.00 am Common Worship Holy Communion)

Every Saturday and Sunday: CW Morning Prayer at 8.00 am on [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch)

Every Friday: Compline at 6.00 pm on Zoom

Some services in church are also live streamed or uploaded to [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch)

April

Sunday 2nd April Palm Sunday



9.30 am BCP Holy Communion, Hoxne

11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Wingfield

4.00 pm Messy Church, Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall

Monday 3rd April

6.00 pm Compline, St Edmund Chapel, Hoxne

Tuesday 4th April

6.00 pm Compline, St Edmund Chapel, Hoxne

Wednesday 5th April

6.00 pm Compline, St Edmund Chapel, Hoxne

Thursday 6th April
Maundy Thursday

7.30 pm Stripping of the Altar, Horham

Friday 7th April
Good Friday

12 noon Good Friday service, Wingfield

2.30 pm Good Friday service, Hoxne

Saturday 8th April
Easter Eve

7.30 pm Service of Light, Denham



Sunday 9th April
Easter Day

9.30 am CW Holy Communion, Hoxne

10.00 am Easter Praise, Syleham

11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Wingfield

4.00 pm Messy Church Easter Egg Hunt, J's meadow, Syleham

Sunday 16th April
Second Sunday of Easter

9.30 am CW Holy Communion, Hoxne

10.00 am Village Service, Syleham

11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Denham

6.00 pm Evensong, Wingfield

Sunday 23rd April
Third Sunday of Easter

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion, Syleham

11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Hoxne

4.00 pm All Age service, Hoxne

Sunday 30th April
Fourth Sunday of Easter

11.00 am Benefice service, Wingfield

May

Sunday 7th May
Fifth Sunday of Easter/Coronation weekend

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion, Hoxne

11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Wingfield

Messy Church contribution to Coronation celebration, J's meadow, Syleham

Sunday 14th May
Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.30 am CW Holy Communion, Redlingfield

9.30 am Café Church, Hoxne

Thursday 18th May
Ascension Day

7.30 pm CW Holy Communion, Hoxne

Sunday 21st May
Seventh Sunday of Easter

9.30 am CW Holy Communion, Hoxne

10.00 am Village Service, Syleham

11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Denham

6.00 pm Evensong, Wingfield

Sunday 28th May
Pentecost

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion, Syleham

11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Hoxne

4.00 pm All Age service, Hoxne

Revd Canon Eleanor Goodison
Priest in Charge, Hoxne Benefice
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St Andrew's, Wingfield

Our February winter coffee morning at Wingfield Barns fell on Shrove Tuesday. An unusually large number of people gathered for chat and pancakes cooked by Revd John McCracken and served by the dedicated coffee morning team. From April we return to the Coffee Caravan at Castle Crescent, 10.00 to 12.00 every third Tuesday of the month. Why not come along?

We are making progress with some of the urgent repairs needed to the church building. By the time you read this, we hope that the faulty drain which was causing problems will have been replaced. And we have both the money - thanks to a grant from ChurchCare - and the necessary permission to proceed with the conservation of the important and historic tombs in the church. Work should start shortly on the first tomb, that of Michael de la Pole (d.1415) and his wife Katherine. We will keep you updated!

To hear more about what is happening at Wingfield Church, come along to our **Annual Meeting at 2.00 pm on Saturday 22nd April** in the church. Everyone is welcome.

Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome singer **Charity Quin** for a recital in **Wingfield church on Saturday 20th May**. More details will be available nearer the time.

Revd Canon Eleanor Goodison

St Margaret's, Syleham

Snowdrops at the church were spectacular this year - a photo does not do justice. We always get extra visitors in February, appreciating not only the little white beauties but also the tranquillity of the church and its location. Before long, the church lane will be garlanded with daffodils, many of them planted as I understand by Mr and Mrs Harper who once lived at The Cross.



Those who remember them may have known their son **Fred Harper**, who went off to Nottingham University to study agriculture and then built a distinguished career. The church has a copy available of his book about growing up in Syleham and we were

saddened to hear of his recent death. Someone very kindly placed a vase of purple tulips in the church in Fred's memory; I took a photograph and sent it to his partner, Lesley, in Devon and she was very touched. If anyone reading this placed the tulips, please know that the gesture was very much appreciated.

Church lighting Our project is well on its way! We have all the fittings and are now just awaiting a date from the electrician to carry out the work. It will be exciting to see what a difference improved lighting makes.

Coffee & Cake Meanwhile, this monthly

get-together in the village hall is going strong and provides a pleasant hour or so out for those who enjoy a catch-up with friends and neighbours, accompanied by fresh coffee and cake, while there is also provision for those who prefer a quiet chat with a friend. Here is the March gathering:



Easter There will be a series of services across the benefice during Holy Week - please see pages 12 & 13 for details. In Syleham itself, we shall have a special service of Easter Praise at 10am on Easter Sunday (9th April) in addition to the regular monthly services. You will find the church decorated for Easter as usual, with thanks to our dedicated team of volunteers.

Pastorally, we always wish to be available to those passing through dark times; we hope you will feel able to ask for help or for a visit.

Churchyard I mentioned in the last Village Voice that we are looking for volunteers to care for the conservation area of the churchyard. There has been one tentative expression of interest and I wonder whether we could get a team together? It involves cutting and clearing two specific areas of the churchyard, once or twice a year.

Organist! Still hoping there might just be someone out there willing to play our church organ for a 9.30 service on the fourth Sunday of the month?

World Crises We continue to hold the people of Ukraine, and indeed of Russia, very much in our prayers and there remains a special prayer in the porch for your use. An effort to provide emergency supplies for Turkey and Syria, following their devastating earthquake, was organised by a local family; and we pray for other areas in dire need, including Yemen.

St Margaret's remains open daily and the church and environment provide a welcome place of tranquillity.

Contact for all above:

mary.lewis43@icloud.com
01379 669258 / 07775 732259

St John's, Denham

Denham Church now has its regular Holy Communion Service on the third Sunday of every month. This year Easter Eve falls on Saturday 8th April when we will be holding a Service of Light starting at 7.30 pm in the churchyard (around the brazier) before processing into the church with our candles.

On April 15th Ade Sellars has kindly agreed to talk about 'Living the Good Life' and his journey from the City to professional gardener - followed by gardeners' questions after the interval. This will be in Hoxne Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Tickets £6. Contact Barbara Irwin 01379 669 077 (see poster on page 8).

Our Annual General Meeting is taking place after the service on **Sunday 16th April at 12.00 pm**. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us for coffee and home-made biscuits afterwards.

We are hoping to hold our annual plant sale at the church on **Saturday 27th May at 2.00 pm**. This is done on a bring-and-buy basis so any extra vegetable plants are gratefully received. Look out for posters nearer the time.

Hilary Castleden
01379 668458

St Peter & St Paul, Hoxne

After many years of living in Hoxne, John and Anne Swann left us last month to go to Northern Ireland in order to live closer to their family. There is little doubt that they will be greatly missed by neighbours but, because of their huge support in the mission of Hoxne Church they will be especially missed by the Church community. We wish them well in their new life.

All the permissions have been secured to enable work to start on the construction of the new lavatory, for which we have also now received a generous grant from the district council which will be a great help in meeting the cost. Builders are due to come on site early next month to lay the foundations and to dig the trenches for the electricity, water and sewage

connections. The current sheds near the North Door will be moved northwards to provide the location.

The Summer Fete will take place on Saturday 10 June in the afternoon at the home of Wilf White, Abbey Farm. The PCC are grateful for support and in this Coronation year we are keen to encourage other organisations to set up money-raising stalls to support their activities. Please do come and help to make the Fete a great day for all the village and, if you would like to help, please contact Wilf at the Abbey or on mobile 07932 768900 (voice or text).

We normally hold Church services at 9.30 on Sundays, with the exception of the last Sunday when we start at 11.00. We try and give a warm welcome to all but especially on the second Sundays when we hold a "Café Church", which is a less formal service with coffee and croissants. We also have an all-age service every month at which children are especially welcome.

Guy McGregor and Wilf White
Hoxne Church Wardens
01379668434

Friends of Hoxne Church

Following on from the article in the last edition of Village Voice –

We would like to let you know that the regular coffee mornings will continue if the Friends charity ceases to exist. Although no firm decision has been made as to the frequency of the coffee mornings, we expect that certainly during the summer months we will continue to meet on the third Saturday. There has been a suggestion that we meet bi-monthly in the winter, mostly due to the cost of heating the church, however no final decision has been made.

Any surplus monies will of course go into church funds.

Some members of the Friends have shown an interest in making a donation directly to Hoxne church in lieu of their membership fees. Cheques should be made payable to Hoxne Parochial Church Council. Should you wish payments to be used only for maintenance please write this on the reverse of the cheque. I do

Cont.

ED'S PLAICE

Traditional Fish and Chips

- Wednesdays: serving from 3 - 7pm
PULHAM MARKET, The Green
- Thursdays: serving from 4 - 7pm
HOXNE, The Playing Field Pavilion
- Fridays: serving from 4 - 7pm
WORTHAM, Common

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The agenda for the AGM is below; all are welcome.

Deborah Hooker

Friends of St Peter & St Paul Annual General Meeting Agenda

Saturday 22nd April 2023

in the Church, following on from the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (starts at 6pm)

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of previous AGM
3. Matters Arising
4. Annual Report (formally Chairman's report)
5. Financial Report
6. Resolution to close the charity due to lack of officers and a general reduction in the number of members. All funds to be transferred to Hoxne PCC specifically for the purpose of repairs and renewals. Existing expenditure already agreed includes making up any shortfall in the funding of the lavatory block, repairs to the south door in the Chancel and provision of a footpath on the south side of the church to enable a drier access to the east side of the churchyard.

Mothers' Union

The Hoxne Mothers' Union Fellowship Group meets on the third Monday of the month at 2.30pm at Time House, Low Street Hoxne.

Monday 17th April

Diocesan MU AGM at St Michael's Church Martlesham. No meeting at Hoxne.

Monday 15th May

Fellowship Meeting.

The World Day of Prayer for the women of Taiwan was held at Hoxne Church on Friday 3rd March with visitors from around the benefice and beyond. Thank you to all who helped in any way - the many origami lilies around the church were beautiful.

New members are always welcome at our Fellowship Group.

Cathie McGregor
Group Leader 01379 668434

Hoxne Bell Ringing

Ringling has continued successfully at Oakley and Redgrave and we have rung for several services at Oakley.

Bells and bell ringing were the theme of our Club Create session at Hoxne church on 13th February. The afternoon's activities included guided tours of the bell tower to see Hoxne's historic bells in situ; an explanation of the dummy bell on display at the base of the tower; a chance to talk to bell ringers and to try out hand bells; and craft activities linked to church bells. Seven kids aged 6-12 took part and some parents also took advantage of the opportunity to go up the tower. This was enjoyed by all who took part.



Dummy bell in Hoxne Church



Craft bells made by participants inspired by the session

The dummy bell is part of the Bell and tower

restoration and is to enable the various conservation bodies to assess the visual impact of hanging a bell in the back of the nave. Other investigations have also taken place and we have now invited comments from the organisations concerned.

We are always looking to teach new ringers. Bell ringing is an intriguing social activity and everyone is welcome.

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Little Lambs

Little Lambs have been busy again with the usual monthly meeting at the Pavilion and also a relaxing visit to the Greengold Café for coffee, chat and play.



Art activities have included creating pictures using old magazine cuttings, and decorating chicks to celebrate Spring and Easter.

We won't be meeting on the first Tuesday in April as it is the school holidays but we do hope to meet up again later in April at the Greengold Café. We will be meeting at the Pavilion on **Tuesday, 2 May**, 1.15-3.15 when the children will be decorating crowns ready for the Coronation.

If you are under 5 please come and join us, but bring an adult with you. We look forward to welcoming you.

Caroline Abbott, 07837 698517



Little Lambs

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You'll be aware from the flyers in your letter boxes, that an event that will bring Wingfield and Syleham together to celebrate the Coronation is being arranged on **Sunday 7th May**, the day after the Coronation. There's another flyer with this issue of the Village Voice, which will give up-to-date information. It will be lovely to celebrate together on J's Meadow, opposite the village hall. All Syleham and Wingfield residents and their house guests are very welcome.



We already have ideas for lunch options, hot drinks, cold drinks, The Cake Room, races, games, crafts, street party tea, Art on the Day, cake competition, vehicle display, SWSSC beer tent—we're just finalising the entertainment for the day.



We already have the offer of marquees and people to put them up, lovely Messy church adults to help with children's crafts, a cake judge with amazing ideas for how we can all get involved in the judging, very helpful extra car parking space, brilliant games constructors, gorgeous race commentators, wonderful cake-maker, and, obviously, lengthy discussion on how to pull the tug-of-war rope!

This is all possible through the generosity of individuals, the two parish council, SWSSC. If you would like to help on the day, can make a cake, or would like to make a monetary contribution to the day, please contact swcoroc111@gmail.com or see Julie T or one of the organising group. Thank you in advance!





HOXNE'S HUGE CORONATION CELEBRATION

Sunday, 7th May

- 12 noon JS & the Lockerbillies
- 1.00 pm Village Voices Choir
- 1.30 pm JS & the Lockerbillies
- 2.30 pm Children's entertainer, Misterfied
- 3.30 pm Village Voices Choir
- 3.45-6.00 pm Laura B & her band

All timings are approximate

A music festival and a display of classic and historical vehicles will be among the attractions in Hoxne to mark the Coronation of Kings Charles III.

The event takes place on Sunday 7th May at the Hoxne pavilion and playing field from late morning until early evening. The bar and café will be open and there will be an all day barbeque.

It is a free non-ticket event to which all villagers and their families are invited. Last year, to mark the Jubilee, there was a classic car display and organiser Bryn Lerwill said: "It was so popular we have decided to do it again. We expect even more people and their vehicles to come along this year."



Drivers are asked to gather from 10am beside the village green and Swan public house car park for a breakfast of bacon rolls, tea or coffee.

Then, following a 25 mile road run through the local villages and countryside, the vehicles will gather on the Hoxne playing field around midday. Those who are interested in taking part can email Bryn@lerwill.com to gauge an idea of numbers. Anyone not wanting to participate in the drive can just turn up at the playing field.

A full six hour musical programme has also been lined up, together with a children's entertainer.

JS and the Lockerbillies, an Ipswich based rock and roll band, will start proceedings around midday. After performances by the Hoxne based Village Voices Choir, and children's entertainer Misterfied for the youngsters, top of the bill will be Laura B and her Band.



They are the UK's leading female led eight piece combo specialising in roots/1950's style rhythm and blues, jump blues, swing and rock and roll.

"Our sound is big and brassy, including two saxes and a trumpet, with a heavy accent on pumping dance rhythm and a strong lead vocal" said band leader and drummer Paul Richardson.



JS & the Lockerbillies



“We have played at festivals all over the UK and Europe for a number of years now and our music is great for those who wish to dance.”

Stuart Jarrold, a playing field committee member, said: “We are extremely grateful to Hoxne Parish Council, Suffolk county councillor Matthew Hicks, Mid Suffolk district councillor Peter Gould and Hoxne Music Festival who have all given grants to help fund this special occasion for the village.

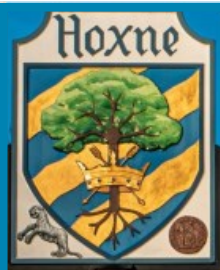


“We have tried to arrange a programme that will appeal to all ages. We hope as many people as possible from the Hoxne area, with their friends and families, will come along to enjoy themselves as part of the Coronation celebration.”



Laura B & her band

Visitors are invited to bring their own fold-up chairs or blankets to watch the bands perform. There will also be plenty of parking spaces available on the playing field for visitors.



Classic Cars & vehicles of interest

Breakfast, road run and display

Coronation Sunday **7th May**

Itinerary:

10:00 gather at Hoxne Green/The Swan pub for bacon rolls, tea & coffee.

11:00 start 25mile road run through the Suffolk countryside.

12:00 finish at Hoxne Playing Fields to join the **Hoxne coronation celebrations** including bar, BBQ and live bands in the marquee.

If you would like to take part with your vehicle please send us an email, so we can get an idea of the numbers and keep you updated as the plans get finalised.

Thanks Bryn & Paul

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Hoxne Village Hall

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 25 May 2023

7.30pm at the Hall (bar will be open)
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*In addition, the meeting can elect up to five persons
from the general public to the Village Hall Committee*

*Inhabitants of Hoxne and the neighbourhood,
Aged 18 years or more, can attend and vote.*

*Annual Reports and Accounts to 28 February 2023
will be presented*

*Any other relevant matter can be discussed and voted
on as the case demands*

**Please come along and hear our plans
Or why not join the Committee?**

Hoxne Village Hall is a registered charity - number 304770
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Hoxne Village Hall

Monthly Film Nights

Next film is on Friday 14 April - See How They Run (see page 9).

Mrs Harris Goes to Paris in February and The Lost King in March proved very popular. The May Film Night will be on the 12th of the month—look out for posters!

Bar open from 7pm, film starts 7.30pm with interval. Pre-book your tickets if possible on 01379 668060 as it helps us put out the right number of chairs.

If you would like to discuss a celebration at the hall please contact the number/email address below.

We are pleased to say that thanks to Stephen Nixon our website is up and running again! If your club's contact details are incorrect, please let us know.

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Sharon Knights

A message from Stephen Nixon, Chair, Hoxne Village Hall Committee

One of the great features of Hoxne is its long history of community spirit, which so many of us briefly contribute towards before passing on the baton. Part of that success is openness to newcomers and willingness to adapt to local demand. So with the Annual Meeting of Hoxne Village Hall approaching on 25 May, it seems appropriate to invite you to consider joining the committee, or just becoming more involved. Even as a committee member the commitment need not be that great. There are about 10 meetings a year of about 1½ hours. Some roles can be more time consuming, but most new members are not going to step immediately into such a role, although we are currently looking for a new Treasurer!

As an occasional volunteer you could help set up and run events, or maybe help with maintenance. The bar is run by a separate committee who always welcome volunteer bar staff.

Apart from allowing you to contribute to the community wellbeing and influence the Hall's direction of travel, involvement can be a great way to learn about the many activities that occur in this area. The Hall is a Charity with the purpose of benefiting the local community.

If you would like to know more, please contact Chairperson, Stephen Nixon on 01379 668785 or email: Chairman.HoxneVillageHall@outlook.com

Alternatively, attend the Annual General Meeting 25 May 7.30pm at the Hall.

Stephen Nixon, Chair

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Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall

We have been lucky enough to have some really wonderful events over the last few weeks!

We had a great evening, and a great turn-out at the Burns Night celebration! Fantastic piper, Amazing address to the haggis, Lovely company!

The Sports and Social Club have celebrated their 40th anniversary with a wonderful get together with people gathering from across Norfolk and Suffolk, time for talking, checking some facts, figures and pictures, and enjoying a lovely buffet. Thanks to Bob Maguire, a great support act for Roy Goodwin's newly formed band, 'Lost The Plot'. Brilliant night! And amazing donations towards D E C Earthquake appeal.

Annual membership of SWSSC is still only £3.50 (cons 3.00) which give discounts to members' events, and keeps things legal. Thanks to all members, past and present.

Scrap Metal

There will be a skip for a scrap metal collection on the village hall car park from Monday 3rd April to Monday 17th April. Plenty of time to have a clear out! NO fridges, freezers, TVs, gas bottles, please. Funds from this go towards the upkeep of the village hall.

Tea for EAAA

We will be supporting a Harleston friend who is running the London Marathon for the East Anglian Air Ambulance - so we're holding a 'Marathon' Tea from 2pm on the afternoon of Saturday 8th April. There promises to be plenty of sweet, tasty treats. Entry is by donation. Raffle, games, bucket collection. Bring friends, family, neighbours, everyone!

Jumble

We're excited to hold our first Jumble Sale of the year on Saturday 29th April from 2pm to 4pm. Free entry, refreshments available. Everything reasonably priced. Come and grab a bargain. If you would like to donate

items before the day, or need anything collected, please contact Donna 01379 668361 / 07876487294.



Further into 2023 we have our annual family BBQ on Sat 8th July, pay-as-you-eat food from 5pm. Paul Birch aka Buddy Holly will be with us on Fri 28th July. Look out for another Jumble Sale and more live music.

J's Meadow

Next time you take a look or take a stroll on J's Meadow you will see that the long awaited play and exercise equipment has now been installed.

Syleham and Wingfield village hall management committee would like to thank individuals, Mid Suffolk District council, the Adnams Trust and Syleham parish council for all their help and support.



Usual events and activities

You probably know by now that we have Messy church on the first Sunday and Carpet bowls on Mondays. First Tuesday of the month is Coffee and Cake from 10 until 11.30, with Syleham church, Social Club bar open on Tuesdays from 8pm, with pool, darts, games, books available. Wednesday morning is Tai Chi. Second Thursday there's a get together on J's Meadow from 10 'til 12. Last Thursday 1.30 to 3pm, Coffee, Craft, Chat. Fridays sees the Social Club bar open by 8pm, again with pool, darts, books, games available, but we also have different activities through the month:

1st—Open Mic

2nd—free entry to Purple Star Karaoke

3rd—usually Quiz evening in aid of local charity or good cause

Last Friday—**Bingo** in aid of locally nominated charity or good cause.

Our two parish councils hold their meetings in the village hall, as do the Sports and Social Club committee and the Village Hall Management committee, usually on a Wednesday evening.

The village hall is also available for bookings - parties, gatherings, meetings, classes. We have a main hall, lounge area, large kitchen, car park, free wifi, plenty of tables, chairs, crockery + a volunteer manned bar.

Please contact Donna 01379 668361 / 07876487294 if you would like to come and have a look around or make a booking.

Our fundraising successes!

We would like to blow our own SWSSC trumpet, if you don't mind!

As you know, we raise a lot of funds for the Village Hall Management Committee

which goes towards the upkeep of the village hall but we also raise funds for a variety of locally-nominated charities and good causes.

As part of our 40th anniversary celebrations a wonderful comment was made about the likely amount raised over the years... Well, we haven't quite worked that out but - can you believe - £874 was raised just from our monthly Bingo sessions on the last Friday of the month in the last financial year alone! Thank you to all who support the Bingo, Quiz evenings, and one-off events.

Among others, over recent years, our fundraising has helped the Waveney Foodbank, Eye Opportunity Group, Fressingfield Thursday Toddler Group, FoMSA, Friends of Harford Manor school, Tigers section of 1st Fressingfield scouts, EAAA, the Stroke Association, EACH..... and more!

Julie Thompson
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Syleham & Wingfield Sports & Social Club presents an event in aid of East Anglian Air Ambulance, supporting our Harleston friend who is running the London Marathon in aid of EAAA

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You can also complete the survey online, simply scan the QR code below.

By completing a survey you are helping in two ways:

- 1 - you help make sure our plans reflect the needs and wants of the community**
- 2 - it shows the government**

and other potential funders that the community is engaged and behind the project - the number completed really matters!

If you haven't already signed up to our email newsletter, then please email: hoxnevolunteer@gmail.com - it's the easiest way to stay up-to-date with the project.



Thanks for all your support so far!
Mike & the team

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Hoxne Heritage Group

The Heritage Group began the New Year on January 12th with a very interesting and well-attended talk by local historian Matt Champion on the subject of Robert Kett's rebellion against enclosures, which began in Wymondham in August 1549 and ended later in that year with his hanging for treason in Norwich Castle.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on February 21st and saw a number of changes to the officers and committee. After serving as secretary since the establishment of the Group in 2012 Margaret Sillis opted to take a well-earned break. As one of the founding members, Margaret's contribution and dedication over so many years cannot be overstated. Thank you Margaret.

Unfortunately as no candidates put themselves forward for the position of secretary, this role will be unfilled for the foreseeable future and so for the time being the secretarial duties will be shared among the committee members.

Chairman David Hyde also stepped down and Chris Parkin was unanimously elected to the role. Chris and the new committee are already working hard to develop a comprehensive schedule of events for the coming year which will include a mixture of mini-talks at our regular meetings alternating with presentations and events which, we hope, will be attractive to the wider Hoxne community.

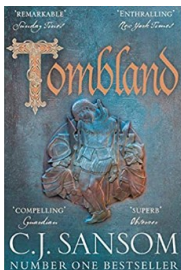
For the present time our regular meetings on the second Tuesday of the month in the Swan will continue, so please come along and enjoy an interesting evening in good company and learn much more about the history of Hoxne and its vast heritage.

David Hyde
www.hoxnehistory.org.uk

If you enjoy historical murder-mysteries I highly recommend CJ Sansom's book, 'Tombland'.

Set in and around Tudor Norwich, it features Robert Kett's rebellion against enclosures (see David Hyde's article above).

A proper page-turner. *Ed.*



Hoxne Phoenix Group

Hopefully the winter is leaving and spring is on its way.

February brought us our AGM, and a welcome visit from four Fressingfield scouts. They are travelling to Africa in April to spend time helping and experiencing life in Kenya. We hope they will report back to us on their return.

March 14th, our next meeting, has the title 'My New Garden', with our speaker Melissa Sheldrake to tell us the story of her new garden built from scratch, in Weybread - hopefully to inspire us all. We are always happy to welcome Melissa, since the days when she used to come and demonstrate flower arrangements from around the world.

We are always pleased to welcome new members or guests at our meetings, on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm.

Jenny Looe
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Hoxne Garden & Social Club



Talks & Events 2023 - 2024

- 16th Mar 2023 AGM Cheese and Wine
- 20th Apr 2023 Saving Hedgehogs – Paula Baker
- 18th May 2023 Hostas – Mickfield Hostas
- 3rd Jun 2023 Plant Sale at Greengold Café 10:00 - 12:00
- 15th Jun 2023 Isles of Scilly Flowers & Gardens, Chris Parfitt
- 20th Jul 2023 Garden Party (venue tbc)
- 2nd Sep 2023 Flower, Craft and Produce Show
- 21st Sep 2023 Compost, Janina Jones
- 19th Oct 2023 Garden Bugs, Ian Bedford
- 16th Nov 2023 Wreath making, Gabriel's Garden
- 21st Dec 2023 Christmas Party
- 18th Jan 2024 Gardening in the Shade, Jim Paine
- 15th Feb 2024 Roses, Beales Rose Breeders
- 21st Mar 2024 AGM

All talks are held in Hoxne Village Hall at 7:30pm

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Hoxne Garden and Social Club

This will be my last Village Voice report for the Hoxne Garden and Social Club as I am planning to stand down as chair at our AGM which is due to take place on Thursday March 16th. The club however continues to go from strength to strength and I am confident that whoever takes over will successfully guide the club supported by a friendly and enthusiastic committee in continuing to provide regular talks on predominantly horticulture themed topics with the occasional non gardening subject just to add a bit of variety. I would like to thank my 'colleagues' on the Garden and Social Club committee who have helped to make the last four years so enjoyable and that is in spite of the inconveniences caused by the pandemic.

As a result of the feedback received from members who completed a questionnaire we are seeking to hire more speakers who can give practical advice on gardening, including guidance on being kinder to nature. So in April we have Paula Baker giving tips on how we can make our gardens more hedgehog friendly. In



May we have a speaker from Mickfield Nursery who will be offering suggestions on how to grow Hostas successfully and how to propagate them. Our talks always occur on the third Thursday of the month at the village hall therefore this talk will take place on May 18th.



Two dates for your diary; the first is a plant sale we are planning to hold at the beginning of June hopefully at the Green Gold Cafe on Abbey Hill and secondly the Garden and Produce Show which as always will be taking place at the village hall near the beginning of September. Watch this space for more details.

Chris Parkin

Gardener's Diary

April

Sow indoors: Courgettes, cucumbers, French beans, pumpkins, runner beans, sweetcorn

Sow outdoors: Brussels sprouts, leeks, lettuces, spinach

Plant: perennials, potatoes, summer-flowering bulbs, sweet pea seedlings, strawberries

Prune: fig trees, hardy evergreens, hydrangea, ornamental quince (when flowering is over), penstemons, untidy ferns

Essential jobs: mow and feed lawns, spring clean and feed borders, protect fruit trees from frost, harvest rhubarb.

May

Sow indoors: courgettes, marrows, pumpkins

Sow outdoors: annuals (ie Californian poppies), chard and spinach, French and runner beans, peas, salad leaves, sprouting broccoli

Plant: asparagus, roses, strawberries, summer bulbs, trees, shrubs, climbers

Prune: early-spring-flowering shrubs, clematis (winter and early spring-flowering types), hardy fuchsias, trained pyracanthas

Essential Jobs: Chelsea chop, harden off tender plants, pinch out sideshoots on tomatoes.

Plant bedding plants when danger of frost has passed.



New Reeding Woods

At this time of year we do little work at the woodland other than walk through the trees and enjoy the quiet. Trees have played a part in our lives, rituals and mythology for centuries. The trees in the woods can be found in folk tales and customs.

“Cast ne'er a clout 'til May is out” is a saying many of us were told as children. The Hawthorn or May blooms in May and is seen as the harbinger of summer. However I was told by an old Suffolk gentleman that the saying refers to the



Hawthorne, or May

blossoms fading not emerging as spring is fickle: he thought I was rushing planting my vegetable garden and yes I now am more cautious. The tree also provides both the blossoms for the May Queen crown and was thought to be the source of the maypoles. The rhyme “here we go gathering nuts in May” refers to collecting the blossoms. However it is thought to be unlucky to bring May blossom into your house as the tree is the home of fairies.

The Oak tree was sacred to both the Celts and the Norse. The Druids used the tree both as a meeting place and in their



Alders in front of the pond

rituals. The name Druid meaning a “man of the oaks”. The Celtic name for the oak means a doorway referring to the shortening of the days after the summer solstice as the year turns again to winter. Oak wood was burnt as part of the solstice rituals. Oaks are seen as representing strength and endurance in many folk songs.

The Silver Birch is often called the Lady of the Woods of the Goddess Tree. The tree is thought to protect against evil. Bundles of birch twigs were used to sweep away the bad spirits of the past year and traditional broomsticks are made of birch.

Apples play a central role in the pagan custom of Wassail at Twelfth Night. The ritual is performed to ensure a good harvest in the following season. A diagonal cut



into an apple reveals the five pointed star of Aphrodite the goddess of love and beauty. The Celts considered apples to be the food of the gods and Norse mythology has apples of perpetual youth growing in Asgard, the home of the gods.

Many people once feared the Alder tree as when cut the pale wood turns an orange-red colour and can look like blood. The trees were also thought to be the doorway used by the fairies to pass between their world and ours. The leaves were placed in shoes at the beginning of a journey to keep your feet cool and prevent swelling.

Pound Lane wood has all of these trees so when you walk around remember their place in the stories of the countryside.

If you are interested in joining us and getting hands-on experience of helping improve our local environment and enjoying outdoor activities, please contact our secretary Penny Conway on 07495 875299

The Fressingfield Shed—Ready to go!

The first meeting of the Fressingfield Shed project proved a popular event with over twenty people at the initial meeting at The Goodwin Hall to assess interest. After an introduction by Roy Goodwin, chairman of the hall trustees, the meeting was addressed by Douglas Mizon. He was involved with setting up the Halesworth shed about 9 years ago and as an ambassador for the UK Shed Association has worked with the setting up of many others since. The response was positive and the decision to move the project forward was unanimous.

There is no doubt that there is a wealth of skills available from those present and with a blank sheet as how to set the Shed up, there is huge potential.

The hall also has a grass area available and there has been interest in maybe some gardening project as well as activities in the hall.

A follow-up meeting on April 1st will hopefully form a committee and arrange further gatherings advertised in this magazine.

You don't need any special skills to join, just come and share in the community.

Further details will be available from Roy Goodwin on 07768 847 175 or roygoodwin53@gmail.com



University of the 3rd Age

Harleston & District u3a invites you to join us for our monthly talk, 'A Will is Not Enough', on Wednesday 19th April at 2.00 pm in St John's Church, Harleston IP20 9AZ. Our speaker will be a representative from Co-op Financial Services, who will run an informal session and answer questions about our financial security and how best to protect our assets in these uncertain times. And just to reassure you, there will be no selling of financial services during this session.

Further information about this and all Harleston & District u3a's activities is on our website: www.u3asites.org.uk/harleston or by contacting Kim Poulton on 01986 788149.

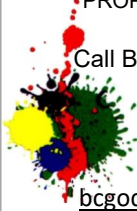
Harleston Choral Society

Harleston Choral Society, your friendly non-auditioning community choir, will be having a short break for Easter from 4-17 April. It's not too late to join us on 17th for our summer term, when we'll continue to rehearse Haydn's *Stabat Mater* and Mozart opera choruses for our Summer Concert on 1 July.

We meet in the London Road Church, Harleston IP20 9BH, every Monday from 7.30 - 9.30 pm, under the direction of our Music Director Justin Bindley. Further information about this and all our activities, including future dates, are on our website: www.harlestonchoralsoc.org.uk or from our Chair Stella Brownsea at heidihouse@btinternet.com

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Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 April 2023, 11 am-3.00 pm

Grand Opening of a new part of the museum; including a 1930's sitting room, children's toys, domestic appliances and much more. Music to match!

Museum Trail launch, and **Art Exhibition** by Dickleburgh Primary School. (Held on Easter weekend. More information on the website)

Wednesday 26 April 2023, 7.30 pm

Secrets of the Seats - A closer look at Medieval church woodcarvings
Talk by Stuart Bowell.

Wednesday 17 May 2023, 7.30 pm

Going to the Flicks - Remembering Diss Picture House
Talk by Basil Abbott.

Wednesday 7 June 2023, 7.30 pm

Scole Nature Trails Trust - Pocket Parks

Talk by Chris Brooks of Waveney River Trust. The River Trust volunteers work tirelessly to protect the River and its environment, including the 'pocket parks' dotted along its course. Did you know they existed?

Saturday 17 June 2023

9 am-12 noon

Brockdish Village Garage Sale

Based at Waveney Heritage Centre with stalls, BBQ, tea and cake, maps and facilities and further stalls around the village.

Wednesday 12 July 2023

7.30 pm

History of Harleston

Walk around Harleston with Gordon Lascelles. Discovering why it exists and finding hidden parts of the town.

Sunday 30 July 2023

10.30 am-2 pm

Summer Craft Fair

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Dr Jean Fox, late of Goldbrook, Hoxne

Jean Fox of Goldbrook died on 16th Jan. She had maintained a Hoxne residence since 1995 and was a frequent attendee at St Peter's Church. She very much enjoyed her retired life in Hoxne, enjoying village events and the local history, and of course loving living in a building with over 400 years' history.



Jean was born in Saltburn near Redcar North Yorkshire to Charles and Chrissie Hart. She was sent to St Hilda's boarding school at 7 where she formed several life-long friendships.

At 13 she got polio and was taken out of school. Tutored largely at home from then on, she advanced academically completing her A levels at 16 and entered King's College London to read medicine just before her 17th birthday. As part of her recovery from polio she took up tennis, where she met chemist Bill Fox. After graduation she married Bill in 1954.

The young couple settled in Cottingham East Yorkshire and had three children: Chris (1957), John (1961) and Andrew (1963).

Jean worked part time as an archivist at Hull University where she reawakened her interest in history. Bill steadily advanced in his work in the Contracts department of British Petroleum in 1968,

which required relocation to the London area. There followed 14 very happy years in Caterham, Surrey.

During this period, Jean reconnected with King's College and completed further academic work (Masters degree 1982 and PhD 1991). She also somehow managed to work as a teacher, as well as raise the boys.

Bill retired in 1987, when they bought a small thatched cottage at Goldbrook in Hoxne, Suffolk which Jean loved and used frequently for the rest of her days.

Bill died young (aged 63) in 1997 leaving Jean alone for retirement. She continued to travel, visiting California, China, Vietnam, Russia, Mexico and most of Europe. She enjoyed London, her community in Blackheath (she loved the book club and her neighbours and other local friends), the cottage in Suffolk as well as spending winters in Palm Springs California.

Jean had that special teacher's knack of encouragement with authority. The speed of her mind was remarkable, as was her ability to enable the success of others. Her life was one of service to others and her primary purpose was her family.

Jean's faith never wavered, nor did her fast mind. After living with cancer in various forms for nearly 14 years she decided to cease treatment and purposefully conclude her life on her terms. Her final words were "Faith, Faith, Faith".

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Andrew Fox

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Fressingfield Scouts

Some of our Sections returned to meeting in the New Year with Christmas parties deferred from last year because of the bad weather in December which made an unusual start to the term!

Wolf Cubs began their Communicator Badge by learning some Morse Code and flashing morse code messages across our field. Ninja Beavers have been trying foods from around the World, Squirrels learned about heroes in our community, Wolves Cubs and Pioneer Scout Troop both had sessions with team games. Tigers Cubs played Ice Hockey and Adventurers Scouts and Explorers and separately Tigers Cubs focused on the Orient with Chinese food and games to celebrate the Chinese New Year. There have also been Cub sessions on internet safety and tracking.

Friday night Sections, Explorers and Adventurers Scouts have had a couple of evenings outside with wide games and a night hike. They had some more serious sessions where they practiced their map skills and learned about both fire and blade safety and tried lighting fires without matches. Both Cub packs were joined by Dickleburgh Cubs for an evening of Hockey courtesy of Harleston Magpies Hockey Club.

As well as Communicator Badge, Wolves Cubs are tackling a DIY project and on a similar theme Warrior Beavers are working on Builder Badge. Ninja Beavers started learning about flight starting with a session making paper aeroplanes. Pioneer Scouts are practicing their knotting skills in preparation for a spring camp, with older Cubs, where the focus will be Pioneering. On a lighter theme the next week's activity was a Nerf Gun battle which was a fun evening!

As usual Sections did not meet during half term but the Leaders and Explorers had a Development Weekend at a Field study Centre in Winterton on Sea where they worked on skills training and personal development and had a meal together. They hiked, discussed updating our website and IT systems, worked on Group Camp planning and, as part of a teamwork exercise, made sand sculptures. This was a very worthwhile weekend resulting in improved skills, better planning and a more integrated team.

On Shrove Tuesday Pioneer Troop ran a Pop-Up Pancake Café with Scouts making pancakes in our new kitchen for other members, their families and guests. This was a great exercise in teamwork for our young people who worked hard all evening, and raised £100 as part of our ongoing fundraising campaign. The next week we had a pancake race as an alternative pancake activity, this time with cardboard "pancakes"!!

Gardening tools needed please!

A couple of years ago we appealed for redundant but usable cooking equipment, pots, pans grids and tools and had a fantastic response from all around our area. Now that we are settled into the HQ site we are seeking gardening tools for the young people to use in our new vegetable growing area. Things like spades, forks, hoes, rakes, trowels, watering cans, buckets even a wheelbarrow would be handy! Also, grounds maintenance tools such as loppers, secateurs and grass cutting equipment. If you have cooking equipment that is no longer needed, either suitable for camping or in our new kitchen where we have induction hobs we would also be grateful. Please contact Michael on 07761827053.



Here is an archive picture from the '80s of Scout Troop members running a Ducking Stool at a Village Fete. Does anyone recognise any of the faces? Our archive with many more pictures and comments can be seen at www.1stfressingfieldscouts.org.uk/history.

To find out more about 1st Fressingfield Scout Group have a look at our website: www.1stfressingfieldscouts.org.uk or speak to any Leader.

Parish Council Reports

Please see page 2 for Parish Council contact details and website addresses.



BEING A PARISH COUNCILLOR

4th May will see local council elections throughout England and your village is no exception.

Have you ever attended a Parish Council meeting in your village? Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be able to represent your village and make decisions for the people and the assets in your parish? Being a Parish Councillor is an enjoyable and rewarding role. It is unique and there are no qualifications or experience required - anyone can become a Councillor (subject to eligibility criteria being met) and training can be provided. The most important quality is that you are passionate about where you live, can listen and make informed judgements - judgements which make a positive difference to your village.

If you would like to be considered for election to the Parish Council you will need to submit a nomination form to Mid Suffolk District Council. These are available from:

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/sites/default/files/2022-06/Nomination%20pack%20parish%20council%20election.doc>

The deadline is 4 April 2023 for the return of completed forms.

Further information on standing for election to Town and Parish Councils can be found on the Electoral Commission website via the following link:

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/parish-council-elections-england>

or locally from the Parish Clerk, including a copy of the Good Councillor Guide which provides a wealth of information about the role of Councillors. Contact details for your Parish Clerk are listed on the inside front cover of this publication.

Don't forget, if you are voting at the polling station you will now need photo ID.

For more information visit the Babergh/Mid Suffolk website at <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/features/photo-id-needed-to-vote-at-polling-station/>

Suffolk Libraries – Mobile Library Routes

Hoxne and Denham Calling every 4 weeks on **Thursdays**

Next stops: 6 April and 4 May
Hoxne, The Swan car park from 10:35 to 10:50
Hoxne, St Edmunds House from 11:00 to 11:15
Denham, Post Office from 11:25 to 11:35

Syleham and Wingfield Calling every 4 weeks on **Fridays**

Next stops: 14 April and 12 May
Syleham, Wingfield Road (Junction with Weybread Road) from 11:40 to 11:55
Wingfield, Post box from 12:00 to 12:20

Denham

Make a Change

Denham is also calling on people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect their community to put themselves forward for election.

If you have innovative ideas for the Denham Parish Council or have a specific issue in mind, becoming a local Councillor will empower you to #MakeAChange <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/local-elections>.

For more information email Denham Parish Clerk at: clerk@denhamparishcouncil.org or telephone 07726 924786

The next Denham Parish Council meeting is on the **23rd May at 07:30pm** at St John Baptist Church, Denham. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Hoxne

Planning and Housing Development

The Hoxne Neighbourhood Development Plan is at the Regulation 16 Consultation stage. Further details are available at www.hoxneneighbourhoodplan.co.uk

Written representations are invited on whether or not the plan meets the basic conditions against which it will be examined. **Comments must be submitted by no later than 4.00 pm on Friday 31 March 2023.** Further details can be viewed at www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/HoxneNP

The Parish Council is soon to submit a conveyancing plan for the area of land at the Abbey Hill development which will be handed over to the parish and is designated as a wild flower meadow.

Community Infrastructure Levy

Questionnaires have recently been distributed to most households in the village. The purpose of this questionnaire is to seek the views of residents on how Hoxne Parish Council might spend the relatively small amount of CIL money it has recently been allocated and plan for

how to use larger amounts which may be derived from future housing developments in the village. You may wish for the money to be spent improving the local environment, upgrading community facilities, or even creating new ones. It is important to hear your ideas - it is your village. If you have not received a copy of the questionnaire, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Hoxne Parish Council Meeting Dates:

April meeting: Thursday 6 April, St Edmunds Hall

May meeting: Annual General Meeting Tuesday 16 May, Playingfield Pavilion



Borderhoppa Outings for April 2023 -

Monday 3rd Mecca Bingo, Norwich. Fare, games and lunch included £30.00

Thursday 6th Attleborough Town & Lunch at The Stag. Fare £15.00

Thursday 13th Latham's, Potter Heigham & Lunch at Poppylands Tea Room, Horsey. Fare £20.00

Monday 17th Southern Comfort Paddle Steamer, Horning. Fare & boat trip. £25.00

Monday 24th Notcutts Garden Centre, Norwich. Fare £15.00

To book or for more information please call 01379 854800 or visit our website: www.borderhoppa.org

Voices from the Past

February/March 1990 (Part 2)

In 1990's first issue of the Village Voice I found a very local ghost story. It seems that "If you visit Syleham church one day and as you enter the churchyard you hear beautiful music you may have come upon Edna our talented and conscientious organist practising. But if when you try the door and it is locked and when you unlock it, the church is empty and dark and the organ closed then you have heard the Phantom Organist."

Apparently he (?) had been heard by several people over the years, sometimes from outside the church, sometimes inside and recently, during evensong: "A candle on the lectern fell over and one of the wardens rushed to catch it, as she did so one of the congregation heard a sudden loud agitated burst of music. The organist heard nothing." On another occasion, "during a 'said' Communion (no

music) this same person heard a most beautiful part of the Bach Chorale".

The piece was unsigned but was contributed by someone who had been 'doing the flowers' the previous summer with a companion. (S)he heard the organ as they went up the path but found the door locked and when they entered all was unlit (perhaps understandable on that hot summer's day) and the organ closed as usual. They then compared notes and both had heard "Oh God our help in ages past". Furthermore, their dogs, a collie and a Jack Russell that accompanied them were unwilling to pass the organ without enthusiastic reassurance - often crying and trembling until outside again. Our sensitive reporters, however, felt no fear or discomfort although could often 'sense a presence'.

An even more fascinating contribution, which I found moving - almost poetic - was submitted by Gladys Pattemore. It seems that her eldest brother had died in January 1989, aged 79 and his widow had found a handwritten account of their Mother, Mrs Wright's, memories in his 'treasure box'.

Mrs Wright had been born at 12 Cross Street, Hoxne on August 22nd 1889, when her own mother was 50 years old. Some of her older brothers had fought and died before she was born (I wonder what war/battle(s) that would have been). One of her sisters, Mrs Emily Lawes, gave birth to 22 children, only four of whom survived. Mrs Wright wrote down her memories in about 1970 before she died in September 1974, aged 86. The memoir is a treasure trove indeed and I hope I can be excused for producing it here in full:

"I remember from the age of four years old seeing one of my brothers who was a soldier in Queen Victoria's time. My eldest brother I never saw at all.

I remember my school days very well, Miss Polly Whitton being then a teacher,



*The Phantom of the Organ
St Margaret's Church, Syleham*



also Mr Hughes the Head Master. I recall Mr Norman also coming as Head Master in the late Mr Hughes' place.

I remember the Rev Cecil Downton, Vicar of Hoxne and Denham who used to visit the school, also the little things we often greeted him with, such as 'God bless you dear Vicar on this our special day', etc.

I remember the village postman, the late Mr Foreman who left me a penny to take any letters to the Leys which was so very lonely to me as a child.

I remember the village policeman, the late Mr Snell; also three generations of Mr Coleman the Cross Street grocer; also Mr Mutimer of the Post Office and many others.

I remember the late Dr Philips the then doctor of our village. My mother, the village midwife, often walked alongside the doctor's horse when going into villages as far away as Horham.

I remember Mr Denby the pastor of our village chapel.

I remember with delight the first banana I ever saw, let alone had, in Mr Coleman's shop.

I remember the village blacksmith, two brothers named Smith and the late Mr Athams. Also the late Mr Leggett, wheelwright and carpenter of Cross

Street. I remember too the late Mr A Rayner, the harness maker in Cross Street and Mr W Rayner the corn merchant and also having a small trade in the sweet line where we could buy a farthing halfpenny and penny things, which were to our child's taste lovely.

Also I remember Miss L Sparrow who lived in Cross Street who used to sell home-made ginger beer at 1/2d a bottle, also lovely brown sticks of home-made rock. My father was the man who made boots and shoes for Mr Theobald and Miss Theobald, long since gone.



I remember my Sunday School days, I remember when they used a tuning fork to start the singing. My father and mother were caretakers and I was carried there 76 years ago and although going out to work at the age of 13 to a farm house in Denham I remember the day when I walked home to my mother's burial, she being 63 years old. Women worked hard in those days.

I left Hoxne for over 40 years but found little change, returning. I find great peace living in the quiet countryside, like an old hen I have come home to roost.

I may not have written this very well because I am blind. *Mrs Wright.*"

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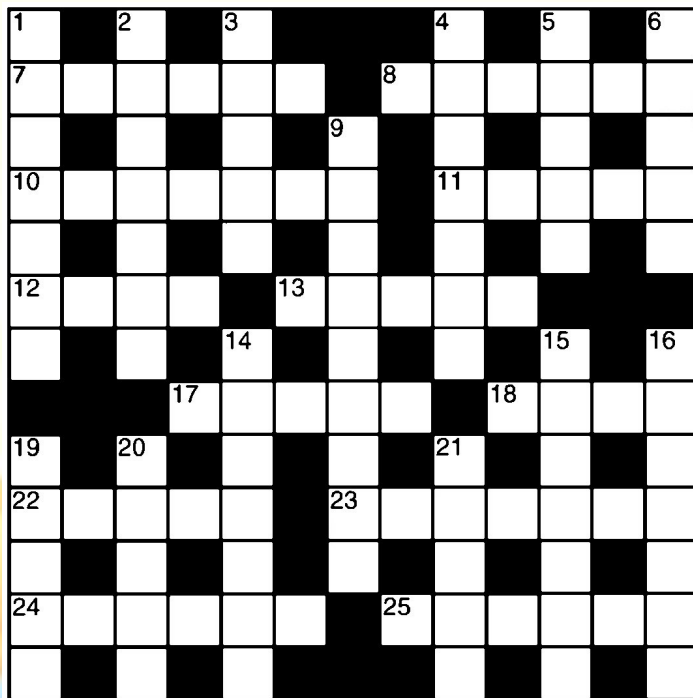
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Across

7. Panels in full flight (6)
8. Feeling poorly in a frail inglenook (6)
10. Loudly proclaim a musical instrument (7)
11. Annoying wee creature in Scotland (5)
12. Frolic with a bird (4)
13. Be over-protective of Billy's partner (5)
17. Religious brother in a chippy I hear (5)
18. Simply a lake (4)
22. Large number are disgusting (5)
23. Partly copy an emu later (7)
24. On horseback in an old Yorkshire region (6)
25. Orbits a French café (6)

Down

1. Paul sat on a kitchen tool and broke it (7)
2. Time of year to be resolute (7)
3. Curtail an attempt to entice (5)
4. Sparkling playing card (7)
5. Feeling scared in a gale (5)
6. Eager to concur (5)
9. Mega start to forming a plan (9)
14. In attendance for a gift (7)
15. Foul net play could lead to this (7)
16. Expand activity in a darkroom (7)
19. Spot of bother in an old lag group (5)
20. Lawn bowls in forests (5)
21. Flinch at sight of game bird (5)

The winner of crossword puzzle no. 151 was: J. Birrell

Answers - **Across** : 1) Customs 5) Souse 8) Brief 9) Current 10) Aspirin 11) Wedge 12) Furore 14) Cygnet 17) Ousel 19) Chirrup 22) Prosper 23) Aloft 24) Delve 25) Sponsor

Down : 1) Cobra 2) Skipper 3) Offer 4) Second 5) Scrawny 6) Up-End 7) Entreat 12) Footpad 13) Relapse 15) Nervous 16) Icarus 18) Spool 20) Idaho 21) Pater

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